

# Washington Conservation Corps (WCC) Environmental Restoration Field Crews 2003/2004

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The Washington Department of Ecology is pleased to announce that it anticipates funding from the Corporation for National and Community Service (AmeriCorps) to provide matching funds for WCC crews. WCC's mission is to conserve and enhance the natural resources of Washington State and provide young adults an opportunity to enrich themselves through meaningful work and community service. Our goal is to complete critical projects that restore salmon, steelhead, and trout populations to healthy harvestable levels, construct or maintain recreational assets, or otherwise improve the natural resources in the state.

Field crews are available to work with public and non-profit entities to support on-the-ground natural resource improvements. These crews will work directly for your organization for the year beginning October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004. **Organizations may choose to apply for 3 years of funding (through 2006) at this time.**

## **Eligible Activities**

**Highest priority** will be given to requests for activities that make direct, physical improvements to the environment including field projects that directly benefit fisheries, recreation, or other natural resources. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Riparian improvements
- Bank stabilization
- Fish structures
- Wetland creation and maintenance
- Fish barrier removal
- Animal exclusion fencing
- Trail construction/maintenance
- Campground maintenance
- Habitat improvements

## **The WCC will provide**

- Fully equipped 6 person field crew
  - 5-Crewmembers working a 36 hour workweek
  - 1-Crew Supervisor working 40 hour workweek
- Transportation for crew(generally a 4x4, crew cab pickup)
- Payroll/administrative services
- Member's basic health insurance package and workers compensation
- Formal training for Corpsmembers and Crew Supervisors

### **Partner organizations will provide**

- Eligible projects including materials, specialized tools, equipment, and technical support
- Matching funds (priority given to non-federal) in the amount of \$65,000 for one year (50% of crew cost) and/or \$25,000 for 6-months of crew-time from October 1 through March 31
- Per Diem for crew and supervisor for travel when required by partner
- A component of the project that generates and involves community volunteers
- One point of contact

### **Application Guidelines**

Provide a narrative on your letterhead (no more than 4 pages) that clearly addresses the following criteria. Successful applications will clearly identify and/or demonstrate:

- The projected outcome of the project, and specifically identify the percentage of work that will make direct, physical improvements to the environment
- The organization's ability to meet the matching requirement
- The organization's ability to manage a crew and project  
(You may attach additional materials [brochures, etc.] about your organization)
- The ability to meet the required volunteer component
- The number of crews requested. NOTE: Only one crew will be awarded at full cost-share
- The number of funding years requested

**► Current grantees will be required to reapply by the application due date ◀**

Be sure your application includes a single point contact with name, phone number, e-mail address, as well as your organization's contact information (official name, address, etc.)

### **Applications must be received by June 15, 2003**

- Successful applicants will be notified by July 15, 2003
- Crew start-up October 1, 2003

**To submit applications, or for additional information contact:**



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